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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR )  
MANUFACTURING INTEGRATED )  
CIRCUIT DEVICES )

Group Art Unit 2125  
Examiner M. Von Buhr  
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 19, 2002

To the Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

This is in response to the Final Office action  
mailed November 19, 2002, in the above-referenced  
application.

REMARKS

Claims 13-18 were pending in the application prior  
to this response. Claims 13-18 remain in the application  
unchanged. Reexamination and reconsideration are  
requested.

**I. Rejection of Claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a)**

Claim 13 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as  
being clearly anticipated by Kimura (Japanese Patent No.  
JP410004042A - Application No. JP08177051).

Reexamination and reconsideration of the Examiner's